



February Updates

Dear Carthage UMC Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe how fast this year has started off. It is already the beginning of February. As I wrote before, we are in a season of change. There are four changes I will address for you: **committees, finances, building issues and our mission statement.**

I am going to suggest streamlining our committees to a one board model. The members of the Church Council or Board would be members of the various committees. The only separate committee is the SPRC (Staff Parish relations committee). This makes decision making faster and the meetings are open to all members and friends. The SPRC is closed to non-committee members. This is still in the discussion phase and will be discussed at our Council meetings. To take effect the Charge Conference must approve it along with the District Superintendent.

You may already be aware of the financial struggles we have been having. The last several years we have spent more than we have brought in. We still have some reserves, but the situation is unsustainable. We have been looking at ways to cut spending, but we also need to increase income in the form of grants and offerings. Please pray as we work through this issue.

People have started cleaning up and working on our building. People have been working on the Flower Room upstairs and others are working on the basement which includes fixing the main floor's floor joists. If you are interested in helping, please let us know in the office. We have been having a lot of fun and enjoyable conversations while doing much needed work on our building.

The last issue involving change is our mission statement. The mission statement of the United Methodist Church is, "Making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world." I do not know if this is really a change as we have not had a mission statement. We will be looking into mission and vision statements that will allow us to focus our ministries to further God's Kingdom on earth. Again, I ask for prayer and input in this endeavor. I appreciate all that each of you do to support our church and love one another. May God continue to bless us all and provide us with the direction to go!

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

CARTHAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2 COMMUNION 3-4 p.m. BS Pack 367 4-5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367 5:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Ministry/Youth | 3 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC 5-7 p.m. The Spot | 4 6 p.m. Pickleball/CLC | 5 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC 5:45 p.m. Pastor's Tom's Bible Study 7 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. AA | 6 8-9:30 a.m. Coffee W/Pastor 5-8 p.m. Empower | 7 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC | 8 9 a.m. Shawl Ministry |
| 9 SCOUT SUNDAY 3-4 p.m. BS Pack 367 5:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Ministry/Youth | 10 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC 5-7 p.m. The Spot | 11 6 p.m. Pickleball/CLC | 12 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC 5:45 p.m. Pastor's Tom's Bible Study 7 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. AA | 13 8-9:30 a.m. Coffee W/Pastor 5-8 p.m. Empower | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC Young at Heart – Granville Trip | 15 |
| 16 3-4 p.m. BS Pack 367 4-5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367 5:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Ministry/Youth | 17 Presidents' Day – CUMC Office Closed 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC | 18 6 p.m. Pickleball/CLC | 19 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC 5:45 p.m. Pastor's Tom's Bible Study 7 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. AA | 20 8-9:30 a.m. Coffee W/Pastor 5-8 p.m. Empower | 21 8:30 p.m. Pickleball/CLC Youth – Cedar Crest | 22 Youth – Cedar Crest |
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